

Comments opposing the use of animals in the NTP testing program were received on September 29, 2004 from the following (individual messages follow):

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Subject:

Animals are not test tubes with whiskers, and demand that it pull the plug on the animal tests recommended in June by the NTP.

Joyce Gildea

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Subject: Dear doctor

Dear doctors

I thought doctors were supposed to save lives, not to inject chemicals into animals so that humans can be fed even more chemicals.
I understand you have a job to do but it should not really be at the expense of weaker beings.
Bitter orange extract tested on animals??? Sounds absurd really....but why should you stop as long as you get paid for it.
why don't you use your knowldege and your talent to make the world a better place where people could leave in peace and animals be treated as beings and not test tubes? Any fool can dissect an animal....not everybody can contribute to science progress.
Just if you have some time, reflect on this (you won't be paid for it though)

Animal experimentation is the blackest of all the black crimes that a man is at present committing... I abhor experimentation with my whole soul. All the scientific discoveries stained with innocent blood I count as of no consequence... The greatness of a nation and its moral progress can be judged by the way its animals are treated. Mahatma Gandhi (1869-1948).

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To: "Masten, Scott (NIH/NIEHS)" <masten@niehs.nih.gov>
Subject: Animal testing!

Dr. Scott Masten,

I recently read about plans to test many chemicals on animals for the NTP Interagency Committee for Chemical Evaluation and Coordination. Animal tests are outdated, cruel and unnecessary, especially seeing some of the things which are to be tested such as bitter orange extract and a chemical used in plastic bags! Its a waste of money and a horrific way to treat animals. They are not ours to use for barbaric tests so please stop them! Thank you.

-Leo Mallon

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To: "Masten, Scott (NIH/NIEHS)" <masten@niehs.nih.gov>
Subject: stop animal tests now!

I learned recently that the National Toxicology Program (NTP) spends millions of tax dollars every year to test animals for chemical toxicity. The thing that really got me was that the NTP encourages people to nominate chemicals to be tested on animals, including tests for chemicals that have been used for generations without harm and the retesting of substances that are already known to be hazardous. I want to know why you need to retest items that you already know are a problem or items that you know are safe. It makes no sense whatsoever! I am writing to ask you to cancel animal tests recommended in June by the NTP Interagency Committee for Chemical Evaluation and Coordination. These tests include

Di-(2-ethylhexyl)phthalate (a chemical used in plastic IV bags) for studies of reproductive, immune, and other effects that would involve injection of the substance into newborn male rats and nonhuman primates, recommended by the FDA, "perfluorinated compounds" including cancer and reproduction testing, on the basis of "presumed" widespread human exposure, despite the fact that large amounts of human and animal toxicity data are already available for these chemicals nominated by the EPA, and the dietary supplement "bitter orange extract" undergo "subchronic" toxicity studies (which means force-feeding the substance to animals every day for three to six months), as well as testing for metabolic and cardiovascular responses and birth defects in animals, nominated by a private individual. Why test things that have already been tested and why in such a cruel! way?

Please cancel these tests. Spare the lives of thousands of animals from a painful and unnecessary death.

Thank you for your consideration.

Molly M. Halloran

~ Molly M. Halloran ~

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Subject: NTP Chemical Testing

Dr. Scott Masten
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National Institute of Environmental Health Sciences
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September 29, 2004

Dear Mr. Masten,

I am concerned about the unnecessary animal testing that the National Toxicology Program has been spending millions of tax dollars on. It has been reported that NTP Interagency Committee for Chemical Evaluation and Coordination has recommended many chemicals to be tested. It is highly unnecessary that products we already know are harmful to our health, like antifreeze and turpentine, be re-tested on animals. Also, I don't believe that force-feeding animals plant extracts that have caused no harm to humans is necessary. Therefore, I strongly ask that you not proceed with the unneeded testing of chemicals in order to save money and the suffering of many animals.

Sincerely,

Rachel P. Hermann

From: pixie b* <javamonkey12@yahoo.com>
Date: Wed Sep 29, 2004 2:28:51 PM US/Eastern
To: "Masten, Scott (NIH/NIEHS)" <masten@niehs.nih.gov>
Subject: NTP

Dear Dr. Masten ,

I respectfully ask you to pull the plug on the animal tests recommended in June by the NTP Interagency Committee for Chemical Evaluation and Coordination.

Every year over 50 percent of animal-tested products are recalled or relabeled due to harmful repercussions in people. There are too many physiological and cellular differences between species to reliably extrapolate animal testing data to humans. Though these idiosyncrasies are detectable only through an electron microscope, they are the evolutionary "answers" to why various species are at risk for different diseases or adverse reactions.

For example, penicillin won't kill a person but it will kill a guinea pig. Conversely, that same guinea pig can safely ingest strychnine--a certain death sentence for a human. Researchers cannot possibly know in advance which animal will replicate humans.

Please put an end to the needless suffering and death of thousands of animals.

Thank you,

Leslie Joseph

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Date: Wed Sep 29, 2004 5:08:44 PM US/Eastern

To: masten@niehs.nih.gov, olden@niehs.nih.gov

Subject: primate testing

dear sirs,

I am writing because of a disturbing article i found on the PETA website. Please remember that animals are not test tubes with whiskers and please stop animal testing. Please show some compassion towards our nearest animal relatives, the primates and stop torturing their newborns.

thank you,

samantha barnum

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From: Leecy Freeman <leecyfreeman@yahoo.com>
Date: Wed Sep 29, 2004 2:31:37 PM US/Eastern
To: "Masten, Scott (NIH/NIEHS)" <masten@niehs.nih.gov>
Subject: NTP

please do not test on animals. It is cruel and not needed. Look at
this website for alternative options. www.stopanimaltests.com

Thank You

For the Animals,
Elizabeth Freeman

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From: "Richard Jaretsky" <RJ@goneloony.com>

Date: Wed Sep 29, 2004 4:04:38 PM US/Eastern

To: masten@niehs.nih.gov

Subject: Animal Tests

Dear Dr. Masten,

I urge you to cancel animal tests proposed in June, by the NTP Interagency Committee for Chemical Evaluation and Coordination.

Animal testing is a waste of time, money, and energy. It is also inhumane, junk science. Any useful medical discovery has happened in spite of animal tests, not because of them.

These particular tests are redundant and useless. Please do not allow them to take place.

Sincerely,

Richard Jaretsky

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Date: Wed Sep 29, 2004 4:06:31 PM US/Eastern
To: "Masten, Scott (NIH/NIEHS)" <masten@niehs.nih.gov>
Subject: Animal Testing

Please stop the animal tests recommended in June by the NTP Interagency Committee for Chemical Evaluation and Coordination. These tests are very cruel to animals. Animals are living, breathing, and living beings. They don't deserve to experience this kind of life. There are many ways to test chemicals and other substances without testing on animals. I urge you to please look into humane testing without using animals.

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From: aham brahman <ronin108@sbcglobal.net>
Date: Wed Sep 29, 2004 1:47:26 PM US/Eastern
To: "Masten, Scott (NIH/NIEHS)" <masten@niehs.nih.gov>
Subject: needless animal testing

Dear Dr. Masten,

I saw the article below on PeTA's website. Please have some respect and compassion for the other creatures we share this Earth with and stop this activity.

Thank You
Sincerely,
Aham Brahman

Each year, the National Toxicology Program (NTP) spends millions of tax dollars to poison animals in crude and outdated tests of chemical toxicity. What's worse is that the NTP actively encourages people to nominate chemicals that they would like to see tested on animals. This has led to a veritable laundry list of ill-conceived NTP testing recommendations, including proposals to conduct extensive animal testing of plant extracts that have been used without harm for generations as dietary supplements (e.g., grape seed and pine bark extracts), as well as proposals to retest such well-known hazardous substances as turpentine and antifreeze.

True to form, the NTP's latest testing recommendations spell suffering and death to many thousands of animals:

* The Food and Drug Administration nominated Di-(2-ethylhexyl)phthalate (a chemical used in plastic IV bags) for studies of reproductive, immune, and other effects that would involve injection of the substance into newborn male rats and nonhuman primates.

* The Environmental Protection Agency nominated "perfluorinated compounds" for extensive study, including cancer and reproduction testing, on the basis of "presumed" widespread human exposure, despite the fact that large amounts of human and animal toxicity data are already available for these chemicals.

* A "private individual" recommended that the dietary supplement "bitter orange extract" undergo "subchronic" toxicity studies (which means force-feeding the substance to animals every day for three to six months), as well as testing for metabolic and cardiovascular responses and birth defects in animals.

Please politely remind the NTP that animals are not test tubes with whiskers, and demand that it pull the plug on the animal tests recommended in June by the NTP Interagency Committee for Chemical

Evaluation and Coordination:

From: Mary Moneypenny <felinophile@care2.com>

Date: Wed Sep 29, 2004 4:33:08 PM US/Eastern

To: "Olden, Ken (NIH/NIEHS)" <olden@niehs.nih.gov>, "Masten, Scott (NIH/NIEHS)" <masten@niehs.nih.gov>

Subject: Pull the Plug on Poisoning Tests on Newborn Primates!

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Dear Doctors Olden and Masten:

As you may know, each year, the National Toxicology Program (NTP) spends millions of tax dollars to poison animals in crude and outdated tests of chemical toxicity. What's worse is that the NTP actively encourages people to nominate chemicals that they would like to see tested on animals. This has led to a veritable laundry list of ill-conceived NTP testing recommendations, including proposals to conduct extensive animal testing of plant extracts that have been used without harm for generations as dietary supplements (e.g., grape seed and pine bark extracts), as well as proposals to retest such well-known hazardous substances as turpentine and antifreeze.

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Please remember that animals are not test tubes with whiskers. We demand that NTP pull the plug on the animal tests recommended in June by the NTP Interagency Committee for Chemical Evaluation and Coordination.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

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Cc: streetteam@peta.org

Subject: animal tests

Dear Dr. Kenneth Olden and Dr. Scott Masten,

I have recently heard of the animal tests recommended in June by the NTP Interagency Committee for Chemical Evaluation and Coordination. There are three I would like to mention that are going to kill thousands and are extremely cruel or unnecessary.

1. The Food and Drug Administration nominated Di-(2-ethylhexyl)phthalate (a chemical used in plastic IV bags) for studies of reproductive, immune, and other effects that would involve injection of the substance into newborn male rats and nonhuman primates.

2. The Environmental Protection Agency nominated "perfluorinated compounds" for extensive study, including cancer and reproduction testing, on the basis of "presumed" widespread human exposure, despite the fact that large amounts of human and animal toxicity data are already available for these chemicals.

3. A "private individual" recommended that the dietary supplement "bitter orange extract" undergo "subchronic" toxicity studies (which means force-feeding the substance to animals every day for three to six months), as well as testing for metabolic and cardiovascular responses and birth defects in animals.

Animals are not test tubes. They exist for their own reasons. Please do not do these tests. These animals have the right to live just like humans.

For the animals,
Scott Brown

From: "AlisaK" <kittykat03@magnalines.com>
Date: Wed Sep 29, 2004 9:24:33 PM US/Eastern
To: <masten@niehs.nih.gov>
Subject: animal testing

i have found out that u test on animals. animals are not ours to test on. why would u torture them like that?

From: maureen wesley <curraghtemple@msn.com>
Date: Wed Sep 29, 2004 8:42:02 PM US/Eastern
To: "Masten, Scott (NIH/NIEHS)" <masten@niehs.nih.gov>
Subject: toxicity tests on animals

I am strongly opposed to the above. I am requesting that you stop.

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